

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application and claims 1, 11, 16, 17 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,859,174 to Kane et al. Applicants respectfully disagree but, in the interest of cooperation and solely for the purpose of passing this case to issue, have amended claim 1 herein to include the limitations of claim 2, which the Examiner has indicate to be allowable. Claim 2 has been canceled. Claim 3-20 depend from claim 1. In view of the Examiner's comments and these amendments, Applicants submit that all pending claims (1, 3-20) are now allowable and respectfully urge the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 08-2025. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

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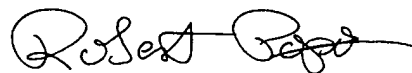
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